

COALFIELD AREA COMMITTEE
15 October 2014
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY SHEET – PART I

Title of Report:

Area Budgets Report

Author(s):

Chief Executive

Purpose of Report:

This report requests Area Committee consideration of proposals for the allocation Strategic Initiative Budget (SIB) and note allocations awarded Community Chest grant.

Description of Decision:

The Area Committee is requested to:

- a) Note the financial statements set out in sections 2.1 and 3.1
- b) Approve four requests for SIB funding set out in 2.2 and Annex 1

Health and Greenspaces project	£20,000
Shopping Centre Support project	£55,000
Local Events, Celebrations and Heritage project	£10,000
Love Where You Live (LWYL) project	£10,000

- c) Note the 21 Community Chest approvals supported from 2014/15 budget as set out in Annex 2

Is the decision consistent with the Budget/Policy Framework?

Yes

Suggested reason(s) for Decision:

The Area Committee has been allocated Strategic Initiatives Budget to promote action on key priorities identified in the relevant Local Area Work Plan and to attract other funding into the area.

Alternative options to be considered and recommended to be rejected:

The circumstances are such that there are no realistic alternatives that could be considered.

Is this a "Key Decision" as defined in the Constitution? No

Relevant Scrutiny Committees:

Is it included in the Forward Plan? No

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REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

Area Budgets Report

1 Purpose of Report

Area Committee has delegated budgets to allocate to specific strategic priorities identified in the Local Area Plan, with the overall aim to benefit the wider community and to attract other funding into the area. The report provides a financial statement as an update position on progress in relation to allocating SIB and Community Chest and presents proposals for further funding requests.

2 Strategic Initiatives Budget (SIB)

2.1 The table below shows the financial position of SIB for 2014/2015:

Total SIB for 2014/2015 is £170,123				
Project Name	Committee Date	Allocated (not yet assessed)	Approvals	Balance
Houghton Feast 2014 community involvement and Friday evening opening programme	18.06.14		£10,000	£160,123
Delivering the Heritage Action Plan (£442 to return)				£160,565
Balance				£160,565

2.2 There are four applications for SIB funding presented to Committee for consideration as below and at Annex 1.

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The total budget being requested is **£95,000**. Should the proposals be approved the balance of SIB funding remaining would be **£65,565**

3 Community Chest

3.1 The table below details the approvals and current balances for 2014/2015. **Annex 2** shows the approvals for June to September 2014.

Ward	Start Balance	Approvals since April 2014	Returned Grant	Balance
Copt Hill	£12,889.76	£3,329.00		£9,560.76
Shiney Row	£11,859.00	£4,554.00	£890	£8,195.00
Houghton	£13,917.50	£6,034.80		£7,882.70
Hetton	£13,088.00	£7,803.40		£5,284.60
Total	£51,754.26	£21,721.20	£890	£30,923.06

4. Recommendations

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Annex 1 SIB Applications

Annex 2 Community Chest approvals

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